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SUBJECT: UNANNOUNCED OFFICIAL VISITORS

1. ALGIERS CURRENTLY HOSTING "FIRST AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON INFORMATICS IN ADMINISTRATION". EMBASSY WAS ONLY MILDLY SUPRISED TO LEARN THAT FIVE MEMBER US OBSERVER DELEGATION ATTENDING CONFERENCE, BUT WE WERE QUITE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT TWO MEMBERS US DELEGATION WERE USG OFFICIALS: MR. JOHN BEHRENS, TAXATION BRANCH, BUREAU OF CENSUS, USDOC; AND MR. KLAUS GRIMM, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, HUD. AS OF SECOND DAY OF CONFERENCE, BEHRENS HAD NOT YET APPEARED, BUT THIS DOES NOT CHANGE FACT HE LISTED AS MEMBER OF DELEGATION. IT ALSO TRUE THAT GRIMM WAS INVITED BY NAME, AS RESULT HIS PREVIOUS WORK ON THIS SUBJECT, AND NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF HUD, BUT HE STILL TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL PASSPORT.

2. THIS IS SECOND TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED IN PAST TWO MONTHS. IN EARLY OCTOBER ALGERIA HOSTED STANDARDIZATION CONFERENCE, US DELEGATION TO WHICH WAS HEADED BY MR. WILLIAM ANDRUS, CHIEF OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, NBS, USDOC, AND EMBASSY WAS NOT ADVISED IN ADVANCE. MR. ANDRUS APOLOGIZED FOR THIS, SAYING HE CAME DIRECTLY FROM PREVIOUS CONFERENCE IN EUROPE, AND HIS OFFICE OBVIOUSLY HAD NEGLECTED TO DO THE NECESSARY.

3. EMBASSY (AND, WE PRESUME, OTHER POSTS AS WELL) WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT WOULD REMIND OTHER USG DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE NECESSITY OF

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